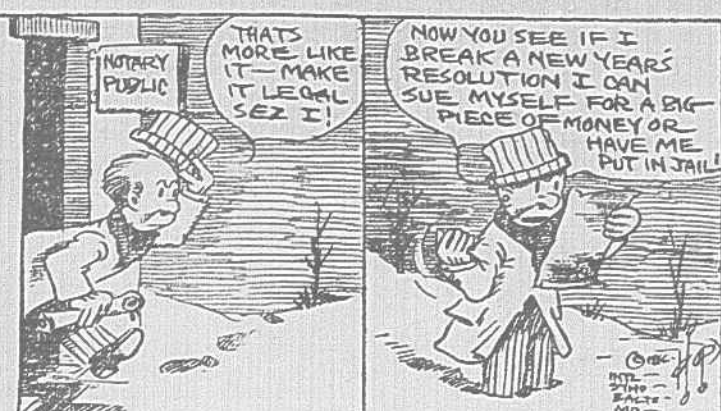
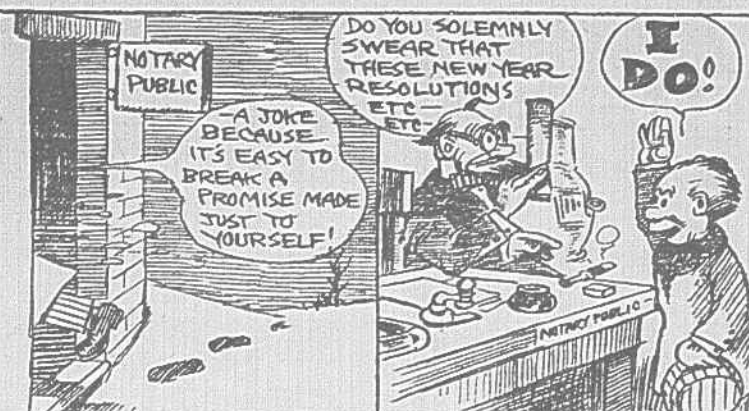


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PETROVA SIGNS WITH THE LASKY COMPANY

She Enters into a Long Term Contract to Appear in Paramount Pictures.

Mme. Olga Petrova, who has created a sensation in the play world by her marvelous emotional acting in Metro productions, has signed a long-term contract with Jesse L. Lasky, president of the company. In order to give ample time for the preparation of her first photograph for the Paramount program, on which her motion pictures will appear, the release date of her initial appearance under the new management has been set for April.

The great staff of the Lasky scenario department under Hector Turnbull, noted playwright and author, is already at work on the examination of material for Mme. Petrova and the announcement of the selection of a number of big theatrical successes and notable literary masterpieces will shortly be made by the concern.

Mme. Petrova will spend one-half of each year at the Lasky studio in Hollywood, Calif., and the other in New York.

The fact that Mme. Petrova and Jesse L. Lasky are now allied on the Paramount program recalls the fact that it was Mr. Lasky who first introduced the great actress to America. A few years ago, while Mr. Lasky was making his customary trip to Europe in search of new talent for his "Follies Bergeres," he heard of a remarkable young girl at the Tivoli in London who had created a sensation by her singing. He attended the performance, was greatly impressed, and proceeded to negotiate with her to make her American debut under his management.

Cohan and Harris are to produce a comedy by Sydney Rosenfeld called "Under Pressure."

The feature offering today at the Bijou theatre is "A Texas Steer," Charles Hoyt's comedy of social satire, full of homely philosophy, wit and funny situations, starring Tyrone Power. There are 5,000 feet of fun, frolic and frivolity in this film. Maverick Brander, owner of grazing herds on the plains, does not care to enter politics. However, his wife and charming daughter, Miss Bossy, long for the social life in the national capital, and they elect husband and father to Congress. When the Brander family arrives in Washington their troubles multiply. The added offering is an episode of "The Hazards of Helen."

A special company has been organized to present "Miss Springtime," whose cast will be headed by Frank McIntyre.

Louise Glaum is starred with Charles Ray in "The Wolf Woman," a Thomas H. Ince Triangle production in five acts, which is showing at the Orpheum theatre today. The story is of a thrilling vampire type, and is one of the best dramas in which Miss Glaum has ever appeared. A funny Keystone comedy, "His Last Scent," featuring Fred Mace and a great cast, is the added offering.

Olga Nethersole is going to France to do duty as a nurse in hospitals.

William Fox, whose \$1,000,000 spectacle, "A Daughter of the Gods," is the attraction at the Robinson Grand, may have had in mind Cardinal Richelieu's memorable statement as to the word "fall" not being in the lexicon of youth when he undertook the task of producing this enchanting super-picture. Profligate, it might seem, in his expenditures and met constantly with the opposition of the elements he won success where another would have been drawn down in the maelstrom of failure. Taking over an entire trop-

ical island in the Caribbean he built a city and populated it with thousands of persons only to see it devastated by flood, swept away by hurricanes and ravaged by pestilence.

Tonight will be the last opportunity of seeing this magnificent film spectacle in this city.

A musical farce called "The Love Mill," by Earl Carroll, is shortly to be produced by Andreas Dippel.

Of the many musical comedies produced in New York recently, none won greater favor than did "The Only Girl," which is to be presented at the Robinson Grand, January 5, under the management of Joe Weber. It was this manager who felt assured that the combination of Henry Blossom, librettist, and Victor Herbert, composer, could not possibly fail and that he was right in his surmise is evidenced by the fact that "The Only Girl" ran the entire season in New York for a time at the Thirty-ninth Street theater, and later at the Lyric.

"The Only Girl" was proclaimed by the metropolitan critics as a musical play with a purpose, that is, that it possesses a well told story, which never descends to "horse play," is always plausible and is replete with funny situations, witty lines and brilliant music.

YOUNG INGRAM

Rolls Large Scores against the Gore Amusement Company's Team.

The Ingram-Michotte ten pin team defeated the Gore Amusement Company four-man ten pin team in a three game ten pin match rolled on the Gore alleys Friday night by a total of 135 pins.

The bowling of Lawrence Ingram, of the Ingram-Michotte team, was the feature of the game. He totaled 612 for the three games, averaging well over the 200 mark for all his games. His individual score of 214 was also high for the contest.

Ingram-Michotte Team.			
L. Ingram.....	191	214	207—612
R. Renshaw.....	160	161	143—464
Huff.....	157	196	170—523
C. Ingram.....	145	187	180—512
Total.....			2101

Gore Team.			
Williams.....	123	153	176—452
Gains.....	147	142	176—465
Matheny.....	146	182	176—504
G. Thompson.....	191	182	175—548
Total.....			1966

LOCOMOTIVE

Is Purchased by the Traction Company for the Hauling of Large Trains.

The Monongahela Valley Traction Company has bought an electric locomotive from the Westinghouse Company. This is the first machine of its kind ever bought in this part of the state.

This forty-ton locomotive will be able to pull ten loaded cars over most of the lines operated by the company. The capacity of the locomotive is determined by the grades of the roads.

It is the intention to use the locomotive in moving express shipments. In the moving of large passenger trains this machine may be employed for it will have sufficient speed.

Nearly 1,000 varieties of rice have been identified in the Philippines by government scientists.

SPORTOGRAPHY

(By "Gravey")

Those 1917 Resolutions.

There was a young fellow named Jacky Who said, "Though it makes me feel lucky, I'll quit booze, I think— (Anyway, I don't drink)— But I'll never swear off the booze."

Break your New Year resolutions early and avoid the rush to the cigar store.

Sure you mean it, but have a heart! Think of the cigar store man's wife and children!

Tobacco is a filthy weed; it fills no real human need; our swear-off pledge this time we'll keep—at any rate, while we're asleep.

Would you be great? Then emulate those who achieved greatness. Mark Twain made it the hard and fast rule of his life never to smoke more than one cigar at a time!

Heinie Zim, who runs a cafe in the native habitat of the famous Bronx nuckers, says he expects a long run of poor business along in the early hours of the second day of January.

Grouchy Gus Says: Just because you're going to write "1917" instead of "1916" when you can remember it is my idea of nothing to get excited about. It's just one more bother.

Larned New Golfer.

William A. Larned, who was the American lawn tennis champion for a number of years, is forty-four today. While the touch of Daddy Time has slowed him down to the point where he no longer ranks among the racquet stars, Larned is rapidly developing into a great golfer. He has made an excellent showing on the links in a number of tournaments and displays the form of a golfer that in his younger days made him almost unbeatable on the tennis courts. He retains a lively interest in tennis, and has officiated in some of the most important matches of recent years. Mr. Larned isn't the only tennis celebrity to make good on the Scotch game, as Norman Brookes also "dabbled in golf" with great success.

A Come-Back Pitcher.

Fred Beebe, who pulled off a "come-back" to the big show with the Cleveland Indians this year, will be thirty-six years old tomorrow. Fred got his start with semi-pro clubs and took the big leagues by storm when he was signed by the Cardinals. He remained with the St. Louis team until 1910, when he was sold to the Cincinnati Reds. At the close of the 1910 campaign Fred decided that he was through as a pitcher, and went back to the farm. His salary wing had been weakened by pitching curves, but that winter Beebe experimented a bit, and discovered that while he couldn't put over his old roundhouse curve, he could throw a new variety of curve that baffled the batsmen. He reported to the Reds again, and was traded to the Phillies in a deal involving a number of players. Manager Doolin needed a backstop badly, and had his eye on Killifer, then with the Braves. A deal was made by which Beebe went to Buffalo and he twirled great ball for the Bisons. This spring he had some trouble with the Bisons management over salary matters, and refused to report. He remained in Indiana, coaching a college nine and playing semi-pro ball until mid-season, when Cleveland bought him. Beebe's record with the Indians was six won and three lost.

Old Bobby Byrne, the sub inholder of the Phillies, will pass his thirty-first milestone this Sunday. Byrne is a native of St. Louis, and successfully performed the feat of breaking into the majors in his home town. He gained his minor league experience with Fort Scott, Kan., and Springfield, Mo., in the Western Association, and with Shreveport in the Southern League, and joined the Cardinals in 1907. He was the regular third baseman of the Cards until August, 1909, when he was traded to the Pirates. In 1913 Pittsburgh traded him to Philadelphia. This year Pat Moran relegated the veteran to the ranks of the subs, and he actually performed the feat of breaking into the majors in his home town. He gained his minor league experience with Fort Scott, Kan., and Springfield, Mo., in the Western Association, and with Shreveport in the Southern League, and joined the Cardinals in 1907. He was the regular third baseman of the Cards until August, 1909, when he was traded to the Pirates. In 1913 Pittsburgh traded him to Philadelphia. This year Pat Moran relegated the veteran to the ranks of the subs, and he actually performed the feat of breaking into the majors in his home town.

There was once a cowboy named Hoke Who was sure a darned clever bloke. He could do anything with a rope—"But, by jing," he said, "I don't like 'em to smoke."

There was once a great slugger, named Mose, who smashed the ball so hard that it rose far into the sky and then—"tly no he!—hit the man in the moon on the nose!

Today in Pugilistic Annals.

Frank Klaus, who was one of the best of the middleweight boxers a few years ago, was born in Pittsburgh on December 30, 1887. A sturdy chap, only five feet seven in height, he packed a wallop. Klaus claimed the middleweight title in 1912, when he defeated Salter Petroskey and Jack Dillon in California, after which he went to Europe to fight Georges Carpentier. The Frenchman had whipped Jim Sullivan, the British middleweight champion, and was the acknowledged holder of the European title. Klaus fought the French idol in Dippel, and while Carpentier showed more boxing skill, Klaus kept pounding away, and in

the nineteenth sent Georges down. Carpentier might have recovered, but his manager, Deschamps, jumped into the ring and dragged the Frenchman to his corner, thus giving Klaus the victory on a foul. While in France Klaus defeated Marcel Moreau and won a foul from Billy Papke. He then returned to America, and, after several indecision bouts, was twice knocked out by George Chip in Pittsburgh. That practically ended Frank's ring career, and Chip, his conqueror, was soon knocked out by Al McCoy.

MOONSVILLE EASY VICTIMS FOR FAIRMONT

Down River High School Team Snowed Moonsville under by Score of 85 to 3.

FAIRMONT, Dec. 30.—Inability of the Moonsville high school basketball team to locate the baskets when shooting, and an absolute lack of team work caused the defeat of the visiting basketballers Friday night by the Fairmont high school in a game staged at the local "Y" by a score of 85 to 3.

In the second half Fairmont sent in its reserves but still continued to pile up points. The visitors made all their points in the second frame, the score at the end of the first period being 49 to 0. The final score was 85 to 3.

Local fans expected a hard battle and attended the game in numbers, expecting to see a real contest. Advance information from Moonsville was to the effect that the visiting five was a real basketball team, this being due in some measure to the good records made last spring by the basketball team from Moonsville and last fall by the football showing of the Moonsville team. But the basketball team sent here by the school was entirely unable to make the game interesting and the resultant game was a disappointment.

Line up: Fairmont—85. Moonsville—3. Knight..... Forward. Ransom..... Forward. Binns..... Forward. R. Hamilton..... Forward. Hawkins..... Forward. Poindexter..... Center. R. Meredith..... Boomer. Hill..... Guard. Lowe.....

Substitutions.—Fairmont, A. Meredith for Hill, Hess for Knight, P. Hamilton for R. Meredith, Hutchinson for Knight.

Field baskets.—Fairmont, Knight 14, Binns 7, Hawkins 10, R. Meredith 1, Hill 3, Hess 3, P. Hamilton 1, Hutchinson 1. Moonsville, R. Hamilton 1.

Foul baskets.—Fairmont, Knight 1 out of 5. Moonsville, Ransom 9 out of 5, R. Hamilton 1 out of 5, Poindexter 0 out of 3.

Referee.—Colebank, West Virginia University.

Scorer.—McKinney.

Timer.—Wilson.

Time of periods.—20 minutes.

MORE OFFICERS QUALIFIED

Orr Minear and A. Dow Davis have qualified as justices of the peace of Elk district and Reuben J. Bartlett has qualified as a constable of that district. Minear's bondsman is Stephen R. Bartlett, Lewis's, John Patton; and Bartlett's, Ross F. Stout.

An electrically lighted cross revolves on top of a San Francisco steeple.

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT OF TRI-STATE

Latest Reports of Operations in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Operators in the southwest Pennsylvania fields are meeting with more success than in a number of years. In the new development on Coon run, Springhill township, Greene county, is the most promising. The Carnegie Natural Gas Company drilled its No. 1 on the George Linsinger farm, little deeper into the Gordon sand and it produced 425 barrels the ensuing twenty-four hours.

Washington county is improving and furnishing some good producers. Interest for some time has been centered in the Burgettstown field in Hanover township, but East Flaxley township is attracting a good deal of attention at the present. Some years ago in this township, the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia drilled in a fine producer on the S. A. Dague farm. The size of this well inspired a lot of development work in that locality, but it resulted in dry holes or gas wells. The same company has just drilled in No. 3 on the same farm, located about one-half mile south of No. 1 and it shows for a twenty-two barrel producer. A few days ago twenty barrel pumps were completed on the Smith and McCleary farms, both located in the same township.

West Virginia. Light wells and dusters are the offering in the West Virginia fields. In the old Moscow field, Grant district, Hancock county, O'Brien and Cusack have completed No. 17 on their own farm. It is showing for a light pump in the Berea grit. Near Wellsburg, Buffalo district, Brooke county, the Romey and Newell Company has drilled in a fine producer on the S. A. Dague farm. The size of this well inspired a lot of development work in that locality, but it resulted in dry holes or gas wells. The same company has just drilled in No. 3 on the same farm, located about one-half mile south of No. 1 and it shows for a twenty-two barrel producer. A few days ago twenty barrel pumps were completed on the Smith and McCleary farms, both located in the same township.

Duster in Pleasant County.

In the Berea field, Grant district, Pleasant county, the Raymont Oil Company drilled its second test on the W. E. Hammett farm through the Berea grit and found it barren. The New York State Company got one of the same kind at a second test on the A. Buckmore farm. In Union district, Bradford, Hamilton and Hyatt have moved in a drilling machine, and starting a test on the D. M. Bernhart farm. In the same district, the Berry Oil Company is making at 1,500 feet at a test on the D. M. Bernhart farm. In the same district, the Berry Oil Company is making at 1,500 feet at a test on the D. M. Bernhart farm.

In the deep sand territory in Hocking county, O., the Fisher Oil Company's second test on the J. W. Brian farm is holding up at sixty-five and fifty barrels, respectively. The Carter Oil Company's No. 6 on the J. I. Burgeon farm, located in Jackson township, Perry county, produced ninety-five barrels the second twenty-four hours after completed.

The Oil Market.

The prices paid for oil of various grades by the purchasing agencies are:	
Pennsylvania.....	\$2.85
Mercur black.....	2.30
New Castle.....	2.30
Coring.....	2.25
Cabell.....	2.25
Somerset.....	2.25
North Lima.....	1.98
South Lima.....	1.98
Indiana.....	1.43
Yale.....	1.40
Winchester.....	1.40
Princeton.....	1.62
Plymouth.....	1.42
Blount.....	1.40
Kansas and Oklahoma.....	1.40
Healdton.....	1.30
Corleau.....	1.30
do heavy.....	1.30
Creighton.....	1.00
Electra.....	1.30
Hennetta.....	1.30
Thru.....	1.30
Strawn.....	1.30
Do.....	1.30
Do.....	1.20
Caddo, 35 degree grade.....	1.20
Caddo, 35-40 degree grade.....	1.20
Caddo, 32-34.5 degree grade.....	1.05
Caddo crude.....	.75
Canada.....	.93
Canada.....	1.98

BIG INCREASE.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The Glove Manufacturers' Association of this city has announced wage increases amounting to from \$250,000 \$300,000 a year.

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